



CHAPTER NEWS & NOTES

October 2009

CHAPTER MEETINGS

HEAR Center, 9:30 am to 12 noon
301 E Del Mar Bl, Pasadena

Saturday, October 24: CREEPY, CRAWLY & CAPTIONED

Our 2nd annual Halloween movie meeting will feature the classic: **Abbott & Costello Meet Frankenstein**. Feel free to bring treats and/or wear a costume... hey, you'll be all ready for Mike and Alicia's Halloween Open House after the meeting! (see details to right)

Note: Visiting member Elizabeth Wieland (here from Hawaii) will be at the meeting and party.

November 21:

RAP SESSION: "SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS"

Holidays can be especially stressful for folks with hearing loss. Come to share tips, vent frustrations, and pig out - we'll also be having a **THANKSGIVING POTLUCK**. (Note: November meeting is held on the 3rd Saturday of the month.)

December: In lieu of a meeting, our annual holiday party will happen on the 12th, 6-10pm, Pasadena. Details soon.

SEPTEMBER MEETING RECAP

Jennifer Stuessy, HOH Specialist at GLAD (www.gladinc.org) led an entertaining and thoughtful discussion on coping with hearing loss. A great source of support and information, Jennifer can be reached at jstuessy@gladinc.org. Steering committee elections also occurred.

WE MEET THE 4th SATURDAY OF THE MONTH (except May, Nov. & Dec.) AT THE HEAR CENTER

301 E. Del Mar Bl, Pasadena 91101
9:30 am to noon (9:30-10am is social time; Meetings start promptly at 10am)

VISIT OUR WEBSITE www.hla-la.org
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 9am

Our main focus this month is the **2009 Walk4Hearing**, taking place in the gorgeous Long Beach Marina. This walk is not just about fundraising, but about joining together and showing support for HLAA, whose work on the national level hugely benefits all of us living with hearing loss. If you haven't already done so, please join our team, the Los Angeles Stars, at walk4hearing.org. (For help with online registration, an instruction sheet has been posted to the Yahoo group email list.)

If getting donations concerns you, remember that no amount is too small. Any and every cent helps! Contributions can be made easily online, and a form has been posted to the Yahoo list for help with offline donations. On all donations, please make reference to our team/chapter: "Los Angeles", and we'll get 25% of all funds raised!

You don't need to walk to be involved. A volunteer task list has also been posted to the Yahoo list, with tasks ranging from set-up help to cheering on walkers. Remember, every person present on November 8th will bring significant visibility to our cause.

For questions about registration, donations, volunteering or anything else, either post a message to the list or email team captain Katherine at kkjump7@earthlink.net.

Tip of the Month...

Member Bernie Marks posted a great sample Walk4Hearing letter to our Yahoo group list. Borrow his, or use it to write your own... it's an effective tool to spread awareness, request donations and recruit walkers. Huge thanks to Bernie, for his support and enthusiasm!

Saturday, October 24: Halloween Open House, 1-6 pm

Michael, Alicia and Samantha's house, 311 E. Palm Ave., Monrovia. Bring your kids for pumpkin decorating and treats! Costumes encouraged (prizes for the best!), appetizers/desserts are welcome, but neither is necessary. BYOB. RSVP: alicia@blueskycreative.com

Saturday, December 12: HLA-LA Holiday Party, 6-10 pm

Grace Tiessen has offered her beautiful home in Pasadena for this always memorable event. More details to come soon, but mark your calendars now!

Congrats to Katherine Burns, Re-elected as President!

The steering committee unanimously re-elected Katherine, after her stellar first year. Here's to another wonderful year with her (and "First Dude" Danny Tubbs)!

Steering Committee Election Results

Mike Kaplan, Nanci Linke-Ellis, Liz Pruyn and Lisa Yuan were re-elected, and Danny Tubbs replaced Alicia Fernandez who's busy with mommy and moving duties. We'll miss her, and thank her for years of dedicated service. Diane Gross, Pat Widman, Jon Merwitzer and Wendi Washington remain as Steering Committee members for their second year.

We're Now on Facebook!

Thanks to Danny Tubbs, we can all become fans at: www.facebook.com/pages/Hearing-Loss-Association-of-Los-Angeles/135462058881?ref=ts

What's New on Our Yahoo Group Homepage

The Calendar at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HLA-LA/> now displays listings of upcoming events, thanks to Liz Pruyn. Talented writer Liz will also start posting meeting recaps to the Yahoo group list. Look for her entertaining blurbs each month!

HLAA Convention 2010 is June 17-20 in Milwaukee

Early registration to open near end of October. www.hearingloss.org/convention/index.asp

Ahmanson Theatre Open-Captioned Shows

See schedule and ticket info at www.centertheatregroup.org/projectdate

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/8: Bernie Marks; 11/19: Dona True; 11/24: Nanci Linke-Ellis; 11/28: Georgia Fleischer
And big apologies to Heather Schuster, whose 10/10 birthday was not mentioned in last month's newsletter. HAPPY BELATED, HEATHER!